Restriction and Election of Species Requirement

Claims 3-18 are pending in the application and are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

According to the Restriction Requirement, election/restriction to one of the following groups is required:

Group I.

Claims 3-7, drawn to a method for depigmentation of human skin.

Group II.

Claims 8-18, drawn to a Bellis perennis composition and method of

making the composition.

Remarks

Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 3-7, without traverse, without prejudice to filing a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter.

The outstanding Restriction Requirement also requires Election of Species on page 3 of the communication, which is a requirement of election an extraction solvent as listed in claim 8. It is respectfully submitted that this Election of Species requirement does not apply to the elected Group I, because no extraction solvent is recited in the elected claims.

Conclusion

In view of the above election and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the foregoing is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action. Early favorable consideration of the above application is earnestly solicited. In the event that a phone conference between the Examiner and the Applicant's undersigned attorney would help resolve any issues in the application, the Examiner is invited to contact said attorney at (651) 275-9811.

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